



In photo at right above Dr. Beverly Tinnin, host pastor, greets several leaders to the State Baptist Evangelistic Conference held Feb. 24 at First Church in Meridian. From left: Dr. Tinnin; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary; Rev. Larry Rohrman, Jackson, speaker; Mrs. Dawn Gandy, Jackson,



soloist and Dr. Bob Simmons, Meridian, speaker. Next photo shows Dan C. Hall, Jackson, music director, leading a congregational hymn. Second photo from left shows the three persons who rendered the musical meditation at each service. From left: Vern Taylor, Laurel, marimba; Mrs. Josephine



Bryan, Jackson, organist, and Mrs. Condie Brodie, Jackson, pianist. In photo at left several present chat with Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Memphis, speaker. From left: Dr. Bob Hamblin, Tupelo; Dr. Levon Moore, Pontotoc; Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg, speaker and Dr. Pollard.



THE AUDITORIUM of the host church was well filled for most sessions, as seen by a sectional view through the camera.



TWO BROTHERS, Rev. Carl Savell, Jackson (left), and Rev. Carmon Savell, Pace, whose ministries in the South are well known. Mrs. Marcella Crisler, Jackson, attendant, assists.

Top Leaders Of Nation Declare Need For Dependence On God

WASHINGTON (BP) — At the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast here President Richard M. Nixon joined some of the nation's top public officials in proclaiming need for prayer and dependence on God during these times of turmoil and challenge.

As a nation under God, "we are not interested in conquering the world," the President declared, but in giving to other nations "an example of spiritual leadership and idealism which no other nation has provided."

Speaking to over 2,600 persons, Nixon chose as the theme for his remarks the familiar exhortation of St. Augustine: "You must work as if everything depends on God."

The President of the Baptist World

SBC Mission Gifts

Start The Year 1970

At A Record Level

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists started the year 1970 with a record level of giving to world missions.

Contributions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget for January of 1970 increased 4.6 per cent, or \$114,997 over last year's record high for January, 1969.

Designated gifts to world missions likewise reached a record level, with an increase of 13.8 percent, or \$47,548.

Cooperative Program contributions for January totalled \$2,613,571, compared to \$2,408,574 last year. Designated gifts were \$3,930,062, compared to \$3,461,514 in January of 1969.

Grand total Cooperative Program and designated gifts for the month reached \$614 million, an increase of 9.4 per cent.

Of the \$3.9 million in designated gifts, \$3.8 million went to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission. During the month of January, foreign missions received \$5.2 million of the \$6.5 million total received.

Most of this was attributed to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for each mission in December.

Alliance, William Tolbert, Vice President of Liberia, was one of the honored guests seated at the President's table.

Other guests represented leaders in the fields of business, labor, the military, education and science, members of the diplomatic corps, U. S. senators and members of the House of Representatives. In addition, a number of governors and big-city mayors were present.

Congressman Albert H. Quie (R., Minn.), presiding officer, noted that the larger groups of the 2,600 had come from around the world and were "joined in Christ's love."

Quie expressed the hope that from this meeting would come "a specific esprit de corps" and that it would produce "more freedom to talk about God with less embarrassment."

After reading from the 15th chapter of John, Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird observed that 20 centuries had passed since these words were spoken by the Prince of Peace. He referred to the progress men had made since the First Century and reminded the audience of the problems of hunger, disease and poverty which are still unsolved.

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Dr. Hudgins, who was listed on program as a speaker, presided over the meeting in the absence of Dr. L. Gordon Sansing of Grenada which was caused by his illness.

Dr. Sansing resigned last year as state Baptist secretary of evangelism to become pastor of First Baptist Church of Grenada.

He had planned the program and had been asked to preside over the conference.

At this writing a replacement for Dr. Sansing as secretary of evangelism has not been secured.

Since Dr. Hudgins found it necessary to preside he asked Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, to speak in his place. Dr. Wester also brought a

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Dr. Hudgins said that \$840,796.10 had been received in the Camille fund, of which more than \$427,000 has come from churches and conventions outside the state, with an additional \$35,000 coming from the Home Mission Board. Mississippi churches gave more than \$360,000 to the fund.

While approximately \$100,000 has not yet been allocated, the committee already knows of other needs and expects that there will be other requests when all of the final insurance adjustments have been made.

Trustees endorsed allocation of a "good experience credit" during 1970, which will provide two per cent of the retirement credits accrued to date for each member participating in two specific plans (Plans A-10 and A-11).

Trustees also approved issuance of the fourth consecutive "13th check," endorsed recommendations of its long-range planning committee, authorized by-laws changes to correspond with organizational objectives of its planning committee, and adopted the report of the executive secretary, and elected officers.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, said that the "13th check," for 1969 will amount to 13 per cent of the annual benefit paid to annuitants. It is the highest percentage ever given. The previous high was 12 per cent.

The extra check will be mailed to all persons currently receiving monthly checks (hence the name "13th check"), except those which apply to education, fixed period, and variable benefits, Reed said.

The long range study, presented to the trustees by Donald Bowles, chairman of the planning committee, call-

ed for a complete re-organization through the directors level and places all work of the Annuity Board under three major categories — marketing, investments, and administration. Position titles will also be changed as approved in the new by-laws. The organizational changes are expected to be completed by October 1, although the Annuity Board has until the next meeting of trustees, set for February 2-3, 1971 to implement them.

Bowles said a comprehensive survey was made of all areas of the board with special emphasis being given to benefits of the plans and investments.

Reed praised the conclusions of the committee's 17-month study. "From these recommendations, the Annuity Board hopes to do an even more effective job of providing financial security for Southern Baptist ministers, and church and denominational employees both in investments and benefits.

He said the "good experience credit" like the "13th check" has been made possible by interest earnings in excess of those required by the various plans the board administers for Southern Baptists.

Reed said the "good experience credit" will be applied to the act-

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Beer Sales Control -- Drinking And Driving--Other Legislation

By J. Clark Hensley
Executive Director,
Christian Action Commission

Several legislative proposals concerning alcoholic beverages have been introduced in the State Legislature. Senate Bill 1756, introduced by Senator Scott McCall Creek, is labeled an act "to authorize municipalities in this state to hold an election on the question of whether or not the manufacture, sale, distribution, possession and transportation of alcoholic beverages, as defined in the local option alcoholic beverages control law of the State of Mississippi, be permitted in such municipality."

This bill would permit incorporated municipalities in dry counties to vote themselves wet and for all practical purposes, nullify the local option law as pertains to counties. The voters in the county outside the municipalities would have no opportunity to express themselves.

The beer control proposal Senate Bill 1808 was introduced by Senator Jean Muirhead of Jackson. This bill would empower the Alcohol Beverage Control Division of the State Tax Commission to have enforcement powers in such violations as the sale of beer to minors, the sale of bootleg beer and

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Baptist Mission Board Visits Augusta After 125 Years

ATLANTA (BP) — In mid-March the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board will return to Augusta, Ga., its birthplace, to recall its history and commission missionaries, the evidence of its future.

The meeting, March 9-12, will be part of the year-long celebration of the Convention's 125th anniversary. Plans are under way for a mammoth Missions Rally on March 11 at Augusta's Bell Auditorium. Preceding the service will be a musical program by a 500-voice choir.

State Baptist officials of Georgia, South Carolina, and other nearby state conventions, the editor of the Augusta "Chronicle" (the South's oldest newspaper), Porter Routh of

Nashville and other SBC leaders, pastor Jack Robinson of the First Baptist Church and city leaders of Augusta will join the mass meeting to highlight the anniversary.

"We are endeavoring to show the past and present of the Home Mission Board. The commissioning service will emphasize the future," said L. O. Griffith, director of the Board's Division of Communication.

The Augusta Baptist Association and its pastors' conference have voted their support.

The Home Mission Board, now in Atlanta, is one of two agencies established at that organizational meeting. The other is the Foreign Mission Board, now in Richmond, Va.

ugh much of its history," Rutledge says. "It has also been a catalytic agent, pointing up the needs which it met in part and which it stimulated others to meet.

"It has been a forceful, unifying instrument in that in working with various state conventions, it has helped develop a uniform, convention-wide program of missions."

Rutledge also believes the Board has exhibited the successful marriage of evangelism and social action, a constant cause of dissension among Southern Baptists:

"The Board has been very useful in keeping alive a strong concern for

evangelism, while at the same time being able to reconcile social ministries and evangelism."

The constituency of the Southern Baptist Convention is inconceivably diverse and this has produced problems for the Board:

"Our problem lie in the difficulty of communicating to such a diverse people the true dimensions of the nature of our Home Mission task," Rutledge says.

Finds Joy In Responsibility
Although the administrator of the complex agency (an annual budget in excess of \$14 million) admits he is sometimes discouraged and frus-

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IN PHOTO AT LEFT above Dr. Jack Stanton, of Home Mission Board is seen delivering one of several messages at the State Evangelistic Conference. Center photo shows Dr. Joe Tuton Jackson, relaxing for a few moments at his motel before leaving for conference session. Photo at right shows Dr. Curtis Vaughan, of Southwestern Seminary, as he leads Bible study at each session.

The Evangelistic Conference Speakers Speak

Dr. Ramsey Pollard

"The pulpit is no place for stammering doubt. We are to stay on the main track."

"It takes courage to continue to proclaim the gospel of redemption in Christ when much of the world is insisting that we substitute 'do goodism' for the New Birth."

"Social reform is not our chief business. The eradication of racial prejudice and the providing of adequate housing, as noble as these projects are, have put several denominations, many churches and hundreds of preachers on a rusty sidetrack — and they are still there."

"A renewed church must have the element of authenticity. It believes something. The ecumenical movement is a colossal failure because it minimizes conviction and when conviction concerning the lostness of souls without Christ, the realization of heaven and hell, and the other tremendous truths is gone — compassion is dead."

"One of the marks of a renewed church is the Spirit of audacity. Audacity to keep on going on in the face of hatred, sarcasm, criticism and betrayal. The churches of Jesus Christ have the grace of continuance."

Dr. Bob Simmons

"I am sure God's Word is a living Word because it speaks to me, and because it keeps speaking to me."

"We all gladly give our lives for the proclamation of this Book, and all the work would be worth the life of just one of us here to proclaim it."

"The first word of my text (Hebrews 4:12) is the word 'living' — because God's Word is living it can be powerful, cutting and effective."

"That God's Word speaks at all today is a miracle, since it had to be written across the centuries, compiled by churches only loosely joined and then attacked for generations by its dedicated detractors."

"The Bible can be put into the language of modern man today because its message is for modern man."

"I know the Bible is inspired because it brings me to my knees. We do not worship the Bible, but we know that only through this living Word can we hear the living God as he speaks to us."

Rev. Larry Rohrman

"America is great because America is good."

"When America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

"The church is in a holy war. We are fighting for our very existence and for the eternal hope of all people."

"Preoccupation is our greatest sin. If the devil can get us busy doing secondary things we will omit our primary task."

"There seems to be a complete lack of reverence in America today. Things like patriotism, motherhood, the home, discipline, and God have been torn from their high place of reverence and are looked upon as nothing."

"The church has not made a huge leap from a place of God to the iceberg of uselessness, it has slowly and gradually drifted."

Dr. John G. McCall

"To make a good beginning in my area of living, is surely one of life's greatest joys."

"But as joyous and as glorious as it is, making a good beginning simply is not enough. More important even than a good beginning is the matter of continuing toward completion."

"If this is true in other areas of living and at other levels, it is more vitally true in the area of Christian faith than in any other."

"In the first place, it is quite clear that this is the call of God's word to us."

"In the second place, the urgency of it lies in the tragedy that all too few of us are indeed continuing in the Christian faith and growing as we ought to do."

"In the third place, there is urgency in the call to continue for the simple reason that God can never do His work in the world through those who are the victims of arrested development."

"Nor can our Christianity, in the fourth place, be meaningful to us if we are not continuing in the Christian faith and growing toward maturity in Christ Jesus."

Baptist Mission Board

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ed, apparently finds great joy in his responsibility:

"It is a great challenge and a great opportunity," Rutledge said, "am grateful that in the providence of God, I was given this opportunity of most states."

"I feel that I am supported by the prayers and confidence of a lot of people," he continued.

Rutledge believes that the acceptance of the agency in the past by Southern Baptists may at times be an indictment against it:

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Evangelistic Meeting

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strong message.

Other state speakers were Dr. Bob Simmons, pastor of Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, and Dr. Dudley Wilson, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, likewise delivering forceful messages.

Dr. Jack Stanton, associate in Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, represented that agency and brought three strong messages.

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AT DANIEL MEMORIAL, JACKSON, several of the youth singers get together for another one of those necessary rehearsals. Irwin Koenig, Myra Vickers, Scotty Wharton, Mike Wharton, Joel Nix, Charles Powell, Kathy Crow, Bruce Powell, and Regina Thomas are those pictured left to right.

Daniel's Sound Of Pop To Portray "A Place Called Love"

The church on your block will be portrayed as "A Place Called Love" in the latest Christian folk musical to be premiered at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, on February 15. The newest of the contemporary musicals is the production of Billy Jack Green and the Sound of Pop, plus 50 youth singers. The music is that of Ralph Carmichael, the famed composer from Woodland Hills, California. This south Jackson church continues with a long line of folk dramas after "Good News" in 1968, "Witness, Take the Stand" and "Tell It Like It Is" in 1969; now it is "A Place Called Love." The service is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the chapel; there is no admission charge.

The setting is in a Christian coffee shop at the church by the youth. They have used mass advertising terminology, picket signs, banners and everything meant to attract the attention of

some social outcasts. The plan works and three strangers enter the holy walls. Jerry Strowd, Dennis Smith, and Dianne Clark play themselves in these antagonistic roles. When the outside world meets the inside of the church, things begin to happen. These youths of our city learn some lessons about love, both the outcast, and the regular church-goers. The text is that of Paul in his letter of love to the Corinthian church.

"God Is Love"; "don't walk around the down and out"; "What the world needs now is love"; "love is eternal"; "love is not easily provoked"; "love never gives up"; "love is not selfish"; "love is color and class blind"; "love never fails"; "without love, I have nothing at all."

All of these signs will be seen around "Place Called Love." Dr. Allen O. Webb is the pastor of this love-minded church.

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Beer Sales Control

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the illegal sale of liquor from "beer outlets."

On October 28, 1968 (Jollif vs Mis-

held that the A. B. C. enforcement agents did not have the right to make inspections for violation of beer laws. At that time, in a news conference, Kenneth Stewart, Director of the A. B. C. Division, stated, "Most of the complaints received in this office and given to the agents in the field are complaints from mothers concerning the illegal sale of beer to their minor children."

Since the recent decision of the Supreme Court, several counties have completely opened up for the sale of illegal beer. The bootleggers are being informed in several other counties that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division Enforcement Agents do not have authority to enforce the beer laws."

Mr. Stewart also stated, "Since July 1, 1968 the State Tax Commission has revoked 120 beer permits. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Division was instrumental in the revocation of 101 of these permits for violations consisting of illegal gambling, illegal sale of whiskey, and illegal sales to minors. The other 19 revocations during this period were performed by local officials." Others joining with Senator Muirhead were: Watson, Stringer, Mosby, White, Corr, Jones, Horton, Scott, Summers and Wicker.

House Bill 5, introduced by McDaniel and Mabry, states "Any person who operates a motor vehicle upon the public highways shall be deemed to have given his consent, subject to the provisions of the law, to a chemical test or tests of his blood, breath or urine for the purpose of determining the alcohol content of his blood if lawfully arrested for any offense arising out of acts alleged to have been committed while the person was driving a motor vehicle on the public highways while under the influence of intoxicating liquor."

The Christian Action Commission went on record at the Mississippi Baptist Convention last fall favoring this type of legislation. Dr. Joe T. Odle, Editor of The Baptist Record, urged the enactment of this type of law in an editorial (January 29, 1970).

Many groups in the state, including the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, have endorsed this kind of legislation. It conforms with National Safety Standards adopted by most states.

Representative Boteler has also introduced a series of bills that have to do with traffic safety, licensing, etc., unrelated to the alcohol problem, but most of them designed to bring Mississippi law into conformity with National Safety Standards. A number of similar measures were adopted by the last general session of the legislature.

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reasonable assurance of personal safety. Therefore, we need such legislation to protect the rights of the law-abiding motoring public and to im-

proved closely with program committee and other music leaders in arranging musical features.

Even though this year's program was "full" the meeting ran on schedule perhaps more closely than in most recent years, due to the cooperation of program personnel in the matter of time.

Between sessions the exhibit areas were well "patronized," with many of those attending carrying books and other material home with them for use in 1970 for the cause of evangelism.

Although no accurate figure was given, attendance this year was perhaps off some from the past several years when the conference met at Gulfshore.

The extra cost factor of meeting in a city over the more moderate cost at Gulfshore, was probably one reason for the slight drop, as well as the wave of influenza that is sweeping the state at the present.

Those present, while in an excellent spirit, seemed to have a seriousness of purpose in the matter of witnessing for Christ, and inspired by the conference, have returned home planning to make 1970 a banner year for evangelism in the state.

First, Hazlehurst Calls Pastor

The one-hundred-years-old First Church, Hazlehurst on January 25, issued a unanimous call to Rev. George E. Meadows to become its pastor effective April 1. Meadows has served the church for the past two and one-half years as assistant to Pastor Rowe C. Holcomb who is retiring.

His former pastorates include Harmony, Lincoln County; New Hope, Simpson County; Concord, Rankin County, Bethel, Copiah County; and Dublin, Jeff Davis County.

Mr. Meadows is the son of Mrs. Ruby T. Meadows of Magee and the late H. Dewey Meadows. The new pastor's wife is the former Betty Sue Thompson of Mount Olive. They have two sons, James Dewey, seven, and John Edward, four.

A July 1960 edition of THE JACKSON DAILY NEWS carried an article with the following title, "Young Minister Begun Working Toward Goal at Age of Twelve." The story related that Athens Church of Mendenhall had licensed George E. Meadows to the gospel ministry at the age of twelve. Two months after the appearance of the article the young man was called to his first church and ordained by Athens church at the age of eighteen.

There has never been a minister in the direct lineage of Meadows. Evidently, a Baptist deacon, W. F. Flynt, of the Athens Community had a great part to play in the young man's call into the ministry. Flynt frequently carried Meadows as a child to a "secret place of prayer" and made no hesitation about asking God to use the lad in a special way.

A graduate of Magee High School, he received the Bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College and the Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Church, Long Beach, the two churches suffering the largest monetary loss. Each of them has received allocations of around \$140,000. However, every request which has come to the Committee from the Gulf Coast Baptist Camille Committee, and from the churches suffering losses in Pearl River County, has been granted.

A complete new building is being erected by Shoreline Mission at Bay St. Louis, with almost all of the money coming from disaster funds.

Trailer Chapels Provided
Crane Creek and Flat Top churches in Pearl River County, both of which had their buildings destroyed, were furnished trailer chapels, and funds to aid in erecting new buildings.

Beach Boulevard Church in Pass Christian was renovated soon after the storm by a large group of young people, who came over from First Church, Pensacola. Furnishings for the building, and renovation of the wrecked pastor's home will be with grants from the special offering.

The story could be repeated over and over, for 26 churches related to the Mississippi Baptist Convention have received assistance. This does not include the several Negro churches being aided through the special committee.

Dr. Hudgins was high in his praise of fellow Mississippians, and fellow Southern Baptists, who came to the aid of disaster area Baptists in the time of disaster.

Special thanks and appreciation was given to the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and to the various state conventions and individuals throughout the convention who responded to the needs.

The executive secretary paid tribute to Rev. J. W. Brister, superintendent of missions for the Gulf Coast Baptist Association, calling him "a tower of strength for all of us during this crisis."



Trio To Sing At Religious Ed Meet

THE LADIES TRIO of First Church, Magee, will render special music at the annual State Baptist Religious Education Association to be held at Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi Feb. 19-21. Ronald Mills, Natchez, president, has urged all religious education workers and leaders in the state to attend. Principal speaker will be Dr. Joe B. Rushing, chancellor of Tarrant County Junior College, Fort Worth, Texas. Primary emphasis will be "Innovations In Learning" and "Preparation for the Seventies." Singers are, from left, Mrs. Ora Mae McAlpin, Mrs. Nan Craven and Mrs. Carolyn Stevens.

Bathtub Baptism Held In Korea

"Would you mind if we baptized a young man in your bathtub tonight?" a Korean Baptist pastor's wife asked Mrs. Robert D. Burgin, Southern Baptist missionary in Taejon, Korea.

"We are at the public bathhouse now, but it is so crowded we don't think a baptismal service would be very worshipful," the pastor's wife explained over the telephone.

Soon she and the pastor and some church members accompanied a young Korean high school teacher to the Burgin home. After a worship service in the living room they crowded toward the bathroom where the young man was baptized in the tub.

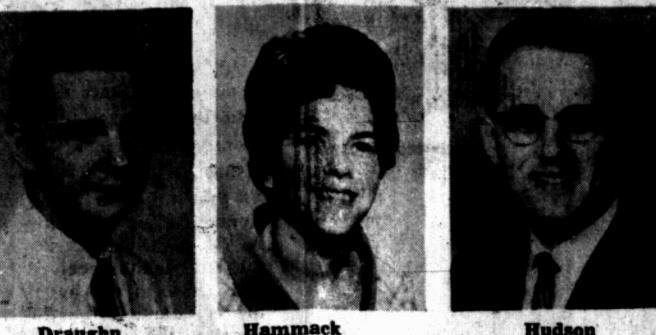
"At first I thought the experience strange," said Mrs. Burgin. "But, after all, the Lord did not say where a baptism is to be performed or how much water there must be."

Missionary Rolla M. Branley, also stationed in Taejon, said that during winter months Korean Baptist churches often hold baptismal services in public bathhouses as few of the churches have baptistries and those that do lack any means of heating the water.

Focus Week At Gilfoyle School Of Nursing To Be February 15-19



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Jacksonville, Florida; Rev. Thomas Hudson; pastor of Oak Forest Baptist Church, Jackson, Dan Jones, junior at Mississippi College, will be leading singing, and Lydia Channel, Elementary Major, MC, will be serving as pianist. The public is cordially invited to the services.



THE STEERING COMMITTEE for Focus Week at Gilfoyle School of Nursing; Seated, left to right: Miss Opal Wroten, co-chairman; Paul Pryor, administrator, Baptist Hospital; Miss Sharon Rice, co-chairman of Focus Week. Standing, left to right: Chaplain Gordon Shambarger; Mrs. Mary Holyfield, director, School of Nursing; Miss Kathryn Bearden, BSU director.

More Sinned Against Than Sinning

By C. DeWitt Matthews
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Some pastors stay on in their churches too long. Others leave before they "get the water hot." In between these two extremes of pastoral tenure are the multitudes of men who, year in and year out, do solid work, while trying to decipher the time when they ought to try to go elsewhere.

But, as far as their tenure in churches is concerned, pastors are often "more sinned against than sinning." They can simply be at the mercy of congregational whims. What is worse, at times they are straight-jacketed by only one or two strong-willed, self-appointed congregational "police-men."

In these cases the congregation abandons its collective responsibility to assert its counteroffensive against such domineering. The result is that the pastor is hamstrung!

A long-time pastor of large churches says that pastoral tenure has a pastor side as well as a church side. He thinks, too, that the denomination is grossly guilty of not working out a practical plan for assisting pastors to move.

Consequently, pastors who need to move, but can't, become victims both of their own ineptness at manipulating this delicate matter and of the denomination's self-imposed blindness about its responsibility to help them.

In Secular Fields
Men in secular fields of comparable training and ability are consider-

out that business contemporaries of a pastor of about forty-five years of age are just arriving at the peak of their greatest security. By then they usually have enough "brownie points" to ride out their time to retirement. Specifically, one large merchandizing corporation gives its retiring store managers a gift of \$50,000 in company stock.

School teachers and educational administrators if threatened with discharge are protected from mistreatment by strong organizations that supply topflight lawyers to plead their cases.

But Baptist pastors, who in many cases have gone to school longer and paid more for their education than almost any such people, are still dependent for tenure on congregational preferences. Often they are like athletic coaches who must produce annual winning teams or be "booted" by protesting alumni. But, the real culprit is the denomination that has done so little to explain the elements that should enter into a stabilized pastoral tenure.

What is even more threatening is that a pastor may feel that he prejudices his chances of moving at all if he lets it be known that he'd like to change churches.

... tend to back off from further investigation of him as they wonder "Why does he want to leave his church? There must be something wrong?" Furthermore, if some congregations receive "pushy" letters about this man from fellow pastors he is "dead" at the start.

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This report could be only suggestive, but it might provoke enough thought to cause Baptist to get busy trying to resolve this tangled situation.

Church Library Seminar
NASHVILLE—"The Church Library of the 70's," a seminar on the "media center" concept of church library work, will be held April 13-17 at the Church Program Training Center here.

Emphasis will be placed on the new services of the church library including use of advanced educational technology, preparation of learning materials and diversification of library services.

Cost of the seminar will be twenty dollars.



UMC STUDENT FOREIGN FIELD LOW IN JAVA — Thad Waites, president of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine student body, visited Indonesian temples and shrines, as well as working among the natives at the Baptist mission hospital in Kediri, Indonesia.

This boy, whose name is unknown, mangled when he slipped beneath the wheels of a sugar cane-laden train trying to jerk the fresh cane from the stacks, learned "good morning!" his only American phrase at the Baptist mission hospital in Kediri, Indonesia.

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I have noticed, too, that opposition to the denomination's producing a creative plan often comes primarily from pastors who sit in their own plush security and from men who are

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Preaching In The Seventies

Elsewhere in this issue of the Record we carry a report on the Evangelism Conference which was held in Meridian last week. It was an outstanding conference, and we congratulate Dr Hudgins who directed it, Dr. L. Gordon Sansing who planned it, Rev. Dan Hall who scheduled a great music program, and all of those individuals who appeared as speakers, and gave to the hundreds attending, a great spiritual uplift and blessing which should have sent them back to their churches with their hearts afire for Christian witness in 1970 and through the new decade. It would be hard to say enough complimentary things about this meeting for it was one of the best we have had in several years.

If I were to summarize the meeting in one word, I would have to use the word "preaching." This was a meeting of great preaching. Men of God stood up with open Bibles and preached the word in the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes the preaching was a form of teaching, teaching of the truths of God's word. Sometimes it was more of exhortation, as men found a message from God in His Word and exhorted preachers to give heed to it and to go out into the world about them to give to men God's word of salvation. Sometimes it was simply taking a great Bible truth and thundering forth its message.

Preachers often are not counted as good listeners, but they listened at this meeting. There was little lingering in the halls, or in the book exhibit area. At session after session, from the opening on Monday night to the closing on Wednesday morning, the spacious auditorium of First Church, Meridian was well filled, and those present listened, as God's word was expounded to them. It was a preaching meeting, with music used to open the hearers' hearts for what God was saying.

I came away with a new urgency added to my previously held conviction that if Southern Baptists they must not neglect preaching.

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:18 "for the preaching of the cross

In Men Be Given SBC Platform?

The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has announced a national seminar on morality to be held in Atlanta, Ga., next March 16-18.

In planning the program the Commission has invited to appear among its speakers three persons who seem to be very much out of place as individuals who should be given a Southern Baptist platform to air their views.

They are Anson Mount, Public Affairs Manager for Playboy magazine; Joseph Fletcher, who is called "the father of situation ethics" (the new morality); and Julian Bond, Negro legislator from Georgia, who supports Black Power.

In The Christian Index, Georgia Baptist journal, Dr. Elmer West, Jr., director of program development for the Commission, is quoted as defending the use of these speakers, saying, "in order to understand what the Bible is saying to Christians about morality in 1970, we need to know what those who proclaim 'another morality' are saying."

Dr. West states that the format of the program will allow these speakers to present their views, and then for at least the first two, to be answered by Southern Baptist theologians. He does not make it clear whether or not the "Black Power advocate" will be answered by a speaker, but does say that participants in the conference "will have a chance to challenge" him.

This is not the first time that the Christian Life Commission has given a Southern Baptist platform to such speakers, and we are confident that such men always welcome such an opportunity.

IF WE YIELD ourselves with openness and honesty to the message and meaning of the death of Christ, his constraining love will move our devotion and inspire the response of self-giving. But we are willing for the reality of the cross to possess us.—Clifton

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Expectancy from Two Churches



NEWEST BOOKS

TRUMPETS IN THE MORNING by Harter Shannon (Broadman, 156 pp., \$3.50).

A book on the preacher and his preaching. In the opening chapter he says, "There is a thrill, a challenge, an excitement about the gospel ministry that cannot be compared to any other profession, occupation, or calling." He says that the greatest thrill is being minister of the gospel because the ministry is still the greatest calling. In the book he uses some of his own experiences to tell of the work of the minister, although the book is not actually biographical. He discusses the minister's call, his training, his studying and sermonizing, his relationship to his people, and many other matters related to the

EDUCATION WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

'Vast' Changes On Campuses In '70's

"From every quarter, evidence is suggesting that the 1970's will see many different colleges and universities than those of the 1960's," say two researchers (Michael Brick and Earl J. McGrath), who recently completed a study of innovations in 882 liberal arts colleges.

The study was conducted for the Institute of Higher Education at Teachers College of Columbia University and was financed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Brick and McGrath urge faculty members "to design a total environment on campus to achieve effective learning," bearing in mind that:

"Learning depends only on what the student does, and not (except indirectly) on what the teacher does";

"Learning depends on what the student does outside the classroom as well as within";

"There are ascertainable and definable differences between role and meaningful learning."

They detail scores of efforts to design such a learning environment through changes in the curriculum, new teaching methods, new roles for students on the campuses, and reorganization of the liberal arts colleges themselves.

In curricular innovation, Brick and McGrath say the colleges are attempting to respond to three issues:

"The question of 'cash' versus 'culture.' Should the college stress classical literature, moral philosophy, and natural philosophy, or should it stress the application of knowledge to specific tasks?"

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minister's work. This is a fresh approach to a glorious theme, and the book should be a challenge not only to preachers, young and old, but to others as well. It certainly will be most valuable to young men who are considering the call of God which they feel in their own hearts.

YOUR WORK ON THE PULPIT COMMITTEE by Leonard Hill (Broadman, 66 pp., paper).

Over and over we have been asked about a booklet to help pulpit committees, and always have had to say that very little was available. Now a splendid booklet has been prepared. It deals directly and most helpfully with almost every question that can be asked concerning the pulpit committee and its work. We would suggest that churches without pastors should get copies of this book, probably more than one. It outlines the work of the committee from the time of its election until the new pastor is on the field. The booklet fills a great need and should have a wide circulation.

IN CASTRO'S CLUTCHES by Cliff Edgar Fite (Moody, 158 pp., \$3.95)

The amazing personal story of the efforts of the father of David Fite, the Southern Baptist missionary who spent three years in prison in Cuba as a prisoner of Castro, in trying to reach Cuba and personally appeal to Castro in his behalf. It was a trial which led to New York, Washington, Canada and Mexico City. There were numerous disappointments which would have stopped most persons, but this Southern Baptist preacher father never gave up. He was sustained by the prayers and support of the Home Mission Board, of tens of thousands of Southern Baptists and of multitudes of people from other denominations. Support also came from government leaders in the United States, United Nations, in Canada, in Mexico City, and even in Cuba itself, along with representatives of other nations. This story of the long quest, with its final fruition in Mr. and Mrs. Fite being allowed to fly into Cuba, is a story of devotion and determination seldom witnessed. The experiences in Cuba itself with the reunion with David's family and his wife's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Caudill (by this time Dr. Caudill had been released from prison but was still limited in his activities), the seven visits with David, and the appeals of a father directed to Castro himself as another father touch the heart so that one cannot forget this story. Millions of people were concerned about the Fites and he and Caudill's, and rejoiced when they were released from Cuba in 1968. This story related the father's efforts which helped to bring it to pass.

LIKE IT IS! by Mort Crim (Warner Books, 324 pp., \$2.50).

Crim, a news correspondent for American Broadcasting Company, calls for the church "to quit hiding its light under a building and go where the need really is." Introduction by Norman Vincent Peale.

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students were involved in setting rules of student conduct, and at many institutions students have a role in deciding disciplinary cases.

Three-fourths of the colleges in the surveys said they included students



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilda Fancher—

lost patience with some member of her family? Or snapped at some friend? Had she remembered as she awaited the arrival of Jesus that she had failed to keep a promise she had made? Had Mary thought of the works of Jesus and found herself assessing the reality and the miracle of them? Maybe Mary had doubted.

What clutter needed to be removed from Mary's mind and heart? Evidently, there was clutter and Mary felt a need for worship. The perfume was not required of her by anyone except Mary. And maybe it was because its sweet smell helped to accomplish true worship for Mary that Jesus did not rebuke her for its use—or for its expense.

Something in Mary's relationship with her Christ at this particular time made her offering of the perfume a proper offering. She did not offer perfume every time she went into Jesus' presence—it was not a ritual nor a habit with her, but was the result of her particular need on that particular day. It was the product of a heart longing to bring soul and Savior to a special time of devotional-meeting.

I am not conscious, every time I go into my church, of its loveliness. I am not even conscious, every time I go into my church, of the peace I find there. But when I am conscious of the soft light, stylish choir robes, organ and piano music, and everything else pointing toward a hushed golden tone, I have the feeling that God knows that my part in providing this lovely place, did initially, and keeps on doing perpetually, for me what the perfume did for Mary.

I'm sure she lived with that sweet smell and peace of mind all her life—just as I live with my pretty house of worship.

I THE BAPTIST FORUM I

You Can Lend Help To Hospital Patients

"If there's anything I can do to help, please let me know." These words have been spoken by many well meaning, sincere people to friends, acquaintances and even strangers in the hospital.

There is something you can do to help. There are many patients in our hospitals who are alone. Some, perhaps traveling through, become ill or are involved in an accident. Some are old people living in old folks' homes or nursing home and have no family. There are many reasons—but re-

ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

"While Americans were celebrating the birthday of the Prince of Peace, the killing continued in Vietnam. On December 13, 1968, the Department of Defense released the following cumulative battle deaths from Vietnam:

Americans — 39,827
South Vietnamese — 99,110
North Vietnamese and Vietcong — 582,378

American deaths have far exceeded those of the Korean War (33,626) and are moving toward the World War I total (53,402).

"Church-going in the U. S. continues to decline from its 1958 peak, with the falling off in attendance during this 11-year period twice as great among Roman Catholics as among Protestants. The Gallup Poll's 1968 audit of church attendance shows that 42 percent of the nation's adults attended church during a typical week of the current year, down a point from last year, and a new low. In 1958, a record of 49 percent of adults went to church in a typical week. The previous high, also 49 percent, had been recorded in 1965, the year these Gallup audits were instituted on a regular basis. The drop in attendance among Catholics over the last 11 years has been about twice that for Protestants. Catholic attendance has declined 11 points since 1958, from 74 percent to 63 percent, while Protestant attendance is down 6 points, from 43 percent to 37 percent. The drop in attendance over the last 11 years has come about principally among young adults of all faiths. (The Nashville Tennessean, 12-26-69.)

"This may be your chance to give a drink of water in His name. Will you take advantage of the opportunity, or will you pass it up by saying, 'I'm too busy, let someone else do it.' Remember, Jesus also said, 'Inasmuch as ye did it not to the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.'

For a program of this kind to work there must be a central place to coordinate activities. If there is sufficient response to this, then certainly such a place can and will be set up and the churches notified. I will be happy to give any help that I can.

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Glimpse Of God's Love

There sits within the soul of man A longing placed there by the hand Of Him who calls and each of us Must find the pathway 'ere the dusk Brings its everlasting hush.

I knew not 'twas for Thee I sought; My worldly visions came to nought But shattered dreams, and in their wake My faltering heart began to quake For a still small voice so gently spoke.

At last I turned to Thee O' Friend; I glimpsed the love for me within Your heart and bowed my lowly head. In newfound humbleness I sped Into the warmth your presence shed.

How gracious, Lord, Thou art to me, My Hope for all eternity. My song of longing—for peace attained, Of darkness lost and heaven gained, My old loves carelessly disdained.

And though I'm not exempt from pain Or grief or sin's black spreading stain, I cast my burdens at Thy feet And rise refreshed, new joys to meet, My strength renewed, my faith complete.

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THE SWEETHEART BANQUET given in February last year at Enon Church, Panola County, was representative of many Sweetheart Banquets in the churches this week, and every year. The Enon event was sponsored by the Training Union. Joe Meurrier and Marcia Tuell, above, left and center, were crowned King and Queen of Hearts, on the basis of their average yearly grade in Training Union. Rev. Kenny Edmundson, right, 17-year-old evangelist, of Florence, Ala., was featured speaker. Rev. Ralph Culp is pastor. (Due to the large number of banquets, and because of space limitations, the Baptist Record cannot accept other pictures of Sweetheart Banquets for publication.)

What Love Will Do

Let us then try what love will do
Force may subdue, but love gains, and he
who forgives first, wins. —William Penn (1644-1718)

Good Morrow

Good morrow to you, Valentine,
Curl your locks, I de mine,
Two or three and three behind.
Good morrow to you, Valentine.

The first day I saw her
She was looking around my heart
And I loved her dearly
From the very start.

When she whispers "Thank you"
On tip-toes for a kiss,
Heaven's door swings open
With showers of bliss.

Melanie, a precious jewel,
A doll beyond compare.
She filled my heart with love
That had not been there.

At the table with bowed head
And folded hands
She thanks God for peanut-butter and bread
And He hears and understands.

With dark eyes flashing
And a big smile of glee
Melanie wraps her fingers
Tightly around me.

When I see children
Bouncing down the street,
I always look for Melanie,
So darling and so sweet!

At night down by her bed
Melanie says a little prayer:
"Thank You, Lord, for the red bird,
Candy, gum, and my teddy bear."

There's sunshine all around her
And joy in her bones.
She's so very lovable
Every pound and every ounce.

God searched His garden
Of flowers so fair.
He was looking for Melanie
And He found her there!

God And Man

My great concern is not whether
God is on our side,
my great concern is to be on
God's side. —Abraham Lincoln

What silly things human beings ut-
ter when drunk or in love.

In the time that's left, Lord,
operate me smoothly
as befits You.

Traveler

Most Gracious Lord
I have such a great sense of urgency.
There is so much to learn
and so little time;
teach me quickly.

There's so much to convey
yet so few vehicles
fueled for use.

I find myself becoming
tense and anxious;
calm me, Lord.

Keep me centered
on the Master Highway
and off tangents.

Let me waste no time, Lord,
in idle meanderings.

Keep me alert and ever aware
that rest stops are vital
on this journey
else I become

short of fuel
encumbered with care
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Washington's Sundays

Rev. Lee Marney, the rector of the Fohick Church, community center of Fohick, Washington, as a churchman, "I never knew so constant an attendant in church as Washington. His behaviour in the house of God was ever so deeply reverential that it produced the happiest effect on my congregation, and greatly assisted me in my pulpit work. No companion withheld him from his church. I have often been at Mt. Vernon on a Sabbath morning, when his breakfast table was filled with guests; but to him they furnished no pretext for neglecting his God and losing the satisfaction of setting a good example."

—Unknown, Sixteenth Century

Martyrdom In Zurich

Free Church Grew From The Sacrifice Of Many Lives

years ago against abuses in the Roman Catholic Church.

After five years, the city council of Zurich decided the city would be Protestant.

Two young men, who listened raptly to Zwingli's messages, were eager supporters of his reform activities. Konrad Grebel and Felix Mantz, however, felt the reform progressed too slowly.

In Mantz's home, just behind Grossmunster, a small group clustered in Bible study. Grebel was a specialist in Greek, Mantz in Hebrew. Both became specialists in their approach to more radical reforms, so extensive that Zwingli was unwilling to accept them. On a wall in the Altstadt (old city) sector of Zurich was the statement (translated): "In this house lived Konrad Grebel, 1508-1514 and 1520-1525 who, together with Felix Mantz, was the founder of the baptizing movement."

The question of baptism split Zwingli and these former supporters into opposing sides. It became most acute as the view on baptism determined the outlook on the church itself. Which kind of church should there be — a state-supported church or a church composed of believers only? A church into which all were received through infant baptism, or a church limited to those baptized only after their per-

sonal expression of belief in Christ.

Along the banks of the Limmat, in the chambers of the city council, another decision was reached. Zwingli was declared victor in a debate with his "opponents" on the issue of baptism.

The council's mandate was that parents who had earlier refused to baptize their babies should take them to the priest for such a rite within eight days, or — leave the country. No further gatherings in homes for Bible study were permitted. Grebel and Mantz were forbidden to speak in public. Zwingli and the city fathers felt they had silenced these dissidents, once and for always.

They did not know that a small group had secretly assembled, in defiance of their edict, in Mantz's home that very same evening. Although deep pessimism filled this meeting room, while praying and talking together, the little band decided they must "obey God rather than men."

Suddenly, a former Catholic priest, Jorg Blaurock, rose and asked Grebel to baptize him. After this, Blaurock baptized the rest of the group.

The date, January 21, 1525, and the house just behind Zwingli's own church, are regarded today as the time and place of the birth of the present free church movement.

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30 persons were baptized. Most of them were farmers in Zollikon, a village along the eastern shore of Lake Zurich — a village which today is actually a part of greater Zurich city. (Baptism at that time was not by immersion.)

Usually unemotional, these farmers broke out in tears, confessing their sins, when they learned that the message of the reformation — God's grace forgiving man's sins — was for them. Their simple acceptance of Christ and baptism contrasted greatly with the gaudy Catholic mass and elaborate church — prescribed rituals and practices.

What Luther began, what Zwingli had mediated, was taken one tremendous step farther on its way toward the early Christian ideal by these simple farmer people.

Or, should it be spoken of as actually a third reformation, as some modern church historians contend?

Freedom ended a week later when policemen, on orders of the Zurich city council, fettered all the "anabaptists" or "rebaptizers" and brought them in for examination. After repeated imprisonments and increasingly inhuman punishments, most of them gave up their ideal: a New Testament free church.

The late Fritz Blanke, a renowned church historian at the University of Zurich, described the men and women of Zollikon as people who took a stand "before the time was ripe. In reality, that was no mistake, but a heroic deed. There will always be a need for men who, unconfused by the spirit of the age, set out for new goals and strive toward a new dawn."

The Zollikon farmers were such a vanguard, he continued, and "in gratitude, we bow before them today."

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Great-Grandson of Carey Convert

Young Couple Will Minister To Pakistani Muslims

Simon H. Sircar, whose great-grandfather was a convert of pioneer missionary William Carey, will return to East Pakistan as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Dacca after he and his wife receive degrees from Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary on April 10.

They will be accompanied by their

in pastoral work satisfaction and peace that he had never known. A 2½-year-old son Bapi, whose name means "treasured one" in their language; they say it also represents "Baguio, Philippine Islands." Bapi was born just 25 days after they arrived in the Philippines on Aug. 28, 1967.

The 30-year-old Simon is a candidate for the master of divinity degree, and his wife Ashima is seeking the bachelor of religious education degree. Simon's father was also a Baptist preacher, and Simon accepted Christ as a high school student. But it was not until he had spent two years preparing to be a lawyer that he responded to God's call to the ministry.

Simon hopes eventually to form a

gospel team to evangelize his people. Many Muslims today are tired of the old ways, he believes. They can't find time to pray five times a day. Many are coming to the Baptist churches out of curiosity, but making a public profession of faith in Christ is still very difficult for most.

Simon believes the primary work of revival in his country should start in the churches, with emphasis on personal evangelism. On their return, the couple plan to start an extensive visitation program, show religious films on the church lawn, and train new converts to be effective witnesses and launch projects to build more churches.

The Dacca church, with 50 members, attracts about 200 people to worship services. Simon will be the first

pastor to be fully supported by the church.

A second Pakistani couple, Mr. and Mrs. Dilip Datta, began studying at the Baguio seminary last semester. He is in publications work and will seek the master of religious education degree. His wife will work toward the bachelor of religious education.

February Time -----

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taken for granted. Love returned to love completed: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (King James Version)

"Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen!" (Phillips translation)

True Tests of Friendship

There are people that live in crowded areas of large cities and yet they are still lonesome. Lonesomeness is worse than hunger and is perhaps more dominant in the world today. Man needs bread, but, more important, he needs the friendship of God, through Christ, and the friendship of people with interests, talents, and loves similar to his own.

There are numerous people in your church and community that need Christian friendships. If we will present ourselves as a friend to them we can help them more than we perhaps will ever know, and we also will profit greatly by the experience.

Let us look at some ways to cultivate friends and some characteristics which bind Christian friends together. We shall discuss what we profit from such Christian friendships and what these friendships will mean to us in later years of our lives.

Friendship Must Be Cultivated.

Mrs. Bill Williams was a young housewife in Centerville. She was always disgruntled because she had no friends, and finally she talked with her pastor about the situation. He suggested some means of cultivating friends. The pastor assured her that she had an attractive personality, a fine home, and a respected husband; but he led her to see that she

Mt. Zion (Tate) Dedicates New Building

Mt. Zion Church, Tate Association

held a dedication service for the new sanctuary and educational unit Sunday afternoon, February 8 at 2:30.

Rev. Billy Smith, pastor of Trinity Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and former pastor of Mt. Zion, preached the dedication sermon.

The new sanctuary is a Colonial style building with a balcony and has a seating capacity of 450. It has wall-to-wall carpet, central heating and air-conditioning, and a complete sound system. The choir has a seating capac-

ity of 42.

The new educational unit includes a church office, pastor's study, music director's office, library, prayer room, five Sunday school class rooms, and two restrooms. Plans are being made to remodel the old sanctuary and educational Unit.

Rev. Jimmy Welch has been pastor of Mt. Zion Church almost two years. During this time have been approximately 70 additions by letter and baptism. The church has increased its budget from \$26,000 to \$46,000.

Practical Nurses Graduate At MBH

Graduation exercises were held February 8 at 6 p. m. for members of the 25th class of Practical Nurses at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Dene Bass, R. N., instructor, said the ceremonies will be held in the amphitheatre of the Gilfoy School of Nursing, with a reception to follow, hosted by juniors.

Graduates include Mrs. Deloris Turnage, Crystal Springs; Mrs. Elizabeth Reed, Jackson; Mrs. Bobbie Liano, Crystal Springs; Mrs. Betty Mitchell, Jackson; Mrs. Joann Hamm, Florence; Miss Simone Rushing, Kil-michael; Mrs. Lucille Knight, Benton; Mrs. Alice Ashby, Jackson; Mrs. Evelyn McCabe, Natchez; Mrs. Nettie Pierce, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Alice Lee, Jackson; and Mrs. Deloris Harper, Jackson.

The next class will begin on February 16.

marry and the kind of homes they will have. This can be done by helping them cultivate the right circle of friends, for friendship may grow into love, and love into marriage.

District WMU Meeting for

Baptist Young Women

(Young Adults)



Frances Shaw
State Director
Baptist Young Women

WHO: Baptist Young Women, ages 18 - 29, married and single
WHY: To learn about plans for new Baptist Young Women's organization
• missionary education
• mission action
• state-sponsored activities

WHEN AND WHERE:
February 21 Prentiss
February 28 Liberty
March 7 Ridgecrest, Jackson
March 21 Lucedale, FBC
March 28 West Laurel
April 4 Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive
April 11 Macon, FBC
April 18 Tupelo, Parkway
April 25 Southaven, FBC
May 2 Duck Hill
May 9 Leland, FBC

ATTEND THE MEETING WHICH IS NEAREST YOU

TIME: 10 a. m. - 1:30 p. m. (including lunch)
Nursery provided

PROGRAM PERSONNEL:
Frances Shaw, Team Leader
Edwina Robinson
Mrs. Eugene Cain
Mrs. Bill Stroup
Mrs. Robert Gentry

BRING: A sack lunch, drinks provided by church

Acteens

(Youth Division)



Kaye Johnson
State Director
Acteens

WHO: Girls, 12 - 17 and their leaders
WHY: To learn about plans for Acteens organization
• individual achievement plan
• camps and conferences
• missionary information

WHEN AND WHERE:
February 21 Poplarville, FBC
February 28 Laurel, Highland
March 7 Philadelphia, FBC
March 21 Houston, FBC
March 28 Jackson, Broadmoor
April 4 McComb, FBC
April 11 Prentiss
April 18 Grenada, Emmanuel
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Marjean Patterson
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BRING: A sack lunch, drinks provided by church

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

God's Mighty Acts Through Jesus

By Clifton J. Allen

Matthew 8:5-17; Luke 8:26-39
God revealed himself in and through Jesus Christ. In this lesson we focus attention on God's mighty acts through Jesus. He performed miracles which declared him to be the Son of God. Also, Jesus' miracles confirmed the fact that he was able to deal with the deepest need in human experience and that he could create the kind of character appropriate to discipleship in the kingdom of God. Perhaps it was for this specific reason that Matthew recorded a number of miracles, irrespective of the actual time when they occurred, immediately following the Sermon on the Mount.

The Lesson Explained

Healing At A Distance

Verses 5-13

A centurion was an important officer in the Roman Army, the captain of one hundred soldiers. This centurion, living in Capernaum, was deeply concerned for a slave, who was paralyzed, really at the point of death. He had heard about Jesus' mighty acts and came to Jesus to lay before him the terrible plight of his slave. Jesus' instant response was, "I will come and heal him." But then the centurion's wonderful faith found expression. He felt unworthy. He was a Gentile. Jesus was a Jew. According to Jewish law, a Jew was forbidden to enter the house of a Gentile. Further, the centurion recognized Jesus' authority. His faith assured him that Jesus needed only to say the word or give the command, and the slave would be healed. His faith elicited Jesus' strongest commendation, even caused Jesus to marvel and then to say that the centurion's faith was greater than he had found in Israel. Here, a Gentile was proving himself to be worthy of a place in the kingdom of God. Jesus said the word: the slave was healed at that moment.

Healing With A Touch

Verses 14-15

Peter's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. It may have been malaria, which is said to have been common. No special plea was made in her behalf, but Jesus touched her hand as he healed her disease and restored her to full strength. The touch was not a necessity. But the touch was important for Peter's mother-in-law: it expressed tender concern; and it was unmistakable proof in the woman's mind that her healing was no accident but a result of the power of God in Jesus. She arose immediately and began to assist in the chores of hospitality and to express her gratitude by doing things for Jesus. For her, renewed health meant renewed strength to work, to be doing something to contribute to the ministry of Jesus. Gifts from God always include the stewardship of their use.

A Healing Scene At Sunset

Verses 16-17

The sabbath ended at sunset. At that time, as we learn from Mark, people brought sick kinpersons and acquaintances to Jesus — some possessed with demons and some afflicted with diseases — and Jesus healed them. We cannot be certain or dogmatic about all that was involved in being possessed with demons. Surely there were aspects of mental illness and serious psychic disturbance. Surely, also, there was more: persons were seized by evil spirits who made them do evil deeds, who robbed them of capacity for wholesome relationships with other persons, who tormented them with fear, and who made them specially hostile toward Jesus because they recognized his unique relation to God. With a word, Jesus cast out the evil spirits, setting free the persons who had been possessed by them. And he healed many sick persons, who impressed the truth spoken by the prophet Isaiah, he "took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Jesus indeed identified with humanity, with persons in every station of life and every situation of need, and particularly, with evil and heartache and infirmity.

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LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

Living In The Spirit

By Bill Duncan

Romans 8:1-17

Many have expressed the view that the eighth chapter of Romans is the greatest chapter in the Bible. This chapter is about the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, and it contains 17 references to the Holy Spirit. Only one other passage mentions the Spirit in such a way and that is John 17. There are many facts given in Romans 8 about our great salvation: salvation begun, salvation continued, and salvation completed.

In this chapter Paul speaks of two opposite ways of living. The mind of the flesh is enmity against God. Those in the flesh cannot please God, and are unsaved people. Christians are "not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you." This is a plain declaration that every Christian has the Holy Spirit dwelling within him.

Dr. Griffith Thomas has suggested that the first four verses of Romans 8 sum up the message of chapter 5-8. (1) No condemnation, chapter 5. (2) Set free from the law of sin and death, chapter 6. (3) what the law could not do, chapter 7 (4) walking not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, chapter 8.

"In Christ" is the theme of this chapter. First, there is justification by faith — no condemnation to those who are in Christ. His perfect righteousness is ours. When one is in Christ the victory is his because the victory has been won by Christ.

What does it mean to be living in the Spirit? (1) He has been born of the Spirit (John 3:8). (2) He has the witness of the Spirit (Rom. 8:16) (3) He is baptized by the Spirit into the Body of Christ 1 Cor. 12:13. (4) He is indwelt by the Spirit (Rom. 8:9). (5) He should walk by the Spirit (Gal. 5:25). (6) He is led by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14). (7) He should be filled with the spirit (Eph. 5:18). (8) He should bear the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).

One might sum it up in this way. Life in the Spirit is one of spiritual freedom, loving obedience, blessed assurance, and eternal security.

Spiritual Freedom

Apart from Christ one is condemned because of sin, but through Christ one is given pardon and freedom. A divine power has made one free and continues to work in him. This is our hope of victory over sin. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead raised the sinner to freedom.

This freedom can best be explained in that we are set in a different relation inwardly to salvation. We are free not in our own strength but in the strength of Christ. God's first ob-

Calvary Church,
Holly Springs,
Calls Pastor

Rev Charles R. Farmer has accepted the call of Calvary Church, Holly Springs. He has been serving as pastor of Union Church in Alcorn County for over three years.

During his stay at Union there have been nine additions by baptism and eight by letter. The church has moved from half-time to full-time services. A modern three bedroom, 1½ bath, brick house has been constructed as a pastor's home. This past summer the church adopted a constitution and bylaws. There has been a general overall growth in all phases of the work at Union.

Mr. Farmer, native of St. Joseph, Missouri, is a graduate of Gaird Business College in St. Joseph. He holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from Oklahoma Baptist University. He completed on year's work toward the Master of Religious Education degree at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, California, and earned the Bachelor of Divinity degree at the New Orleans Seminary.

Prior to coming to Mississippi, he served as pastor of New Hope Church, Mexico, Missouri. He is married to the former Faye Wilbanks of Corinth. The Farmers have already moved to Holly Springs.

From Mexico: Mrs. R. Henry Wolf, missionary stationed at Acapulco, wanted to buy some souvenirs to take back to the States. She went to a shop owned by a member of the mission where she teaches Sunday School. She asked the price of a small curio. "For you, little sister," her friend answered, "the price is 25 pesos. I sell it to the Americans for 50."

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By Allen F. Harrod, Pastor

Trinity, Vicksburg

The place to begin in a devotion on anger is, I think, at a place where every searching Christian must arrive some time in his thinking. That is the truth that not all anger is a sin. This reality was brought forcefully home to me while I was a student in Southwestern Seminary. In a class in preaching under Dr. Gordon Clinard we were asked to submit sermons from the text, Matthew 5:21-22, where Jesus warns about the power of anger. In my desire to impress this favorite professor with my ability at sermonizing, I failed to research my subject completely. When my sermon was returned, I had received a C-plus. My heart melted as I scanned it quickly to discover the problem. Well, along with many others, I had assailed the sin of anger tooth and toenail, ascribing any type of anger as sin. Dr. Clinard simply placed beneath such a statement these words, "What about, 'Be ye angry and sin not'?" It brought me to several halting realities, one of which was the fact that there is some justifiable anger.

Now admittedly, most, if not all, of our anger is born out of haste, pride, and selfishness. We are not offering a blanket approval of anger. Indeed! We could never do that. The Bible clearly warns us of its danger. Jesus told us in His Sermon on the Mount that anger can be cradle for murder. Because of its possible awful consequences, we should guard against it. Our verses for devotional consideration warn us "not to let the sun go down upon our wrath: neither give place to the devil."

But what about the first part of the verses, "Be ye angry and sin not"? There are definitely some things quite worth being angry about. Injustice, deceit, cowardice, false witness, and hypocrisy demand our indignation.

Let's take a close look at Jesus in that Temple scene down on Main Street, Jerusalem. See Him moving deliberately into the place of worship where the money changers were cheating their customers. Remember, too, that the local Jews were requiring that worshippers purchase their animals of sacrifice within the temple grounds. They had turned the house of prayer into a foul-smelling marketplace. So into that situation Jesus moved forcefully with his scourge. And out came those blasphemous merchants running. Behind them with blazing eyes of righteous anger came Jesus swinging a platted cord above his head.

It was when Patrick Henry became angry over the arrest of two Baptist ministers for preaching the gospel that he rose up in defense of religious liberty. He rode over sixty miles to speak in their defense, and when his righteous anger was spent, the two preachers walked out of the court free.

While we are carefully guarding against the kind of anger that the Bible marks as sin, let us learn the things that require our righteous anger. "Be ye angry and sin not."

Rev. J. D. Walker

Retires From Pastorate

On October 1, Rev. J. D. Walker resigns the pastorate of Sylvarena Church in Copiah Association and moves to Saltillo to make his home.

He has been in the pastorate for 36 years, holding pastorates in the following churches in Mississippi: Center Terrace, Canton; Calhoun City, First; Goss, Columbia; Edon, Stringer; Sylvarena, Wesson; Hernerville. While serving at Center Terrace he also served Lone Pine Church in afternoons, and at Calhoun

City, he served Sabougla and Bethel in afternoons.

In Texas he served First Church, Normangee, and in Louisiana, the Pine Grove Church.

Mr. Walker may be contacted for supply, or interim pastorate, at his home in Saltillo, Miss. Telephone 869-2901.

When it seems that dissension and trouble beset our ship of service, we must cast out anchor to one who can hold our ship steady in a storm. Our anchor must be our love for Christ. — Amy Boldin in "Installation Services for All Groups," Broad-



Folk Music At Carey

William Carey College students will present the religious folk musical, "Tell-It-Like - It - Is," Thursday night, Feb. 12, as a part of Religious Emphasis Week. Shown rehearsing for the performance are students David Coleman, Pascagoula, and Judith Roberts, Ft. Myers, Florida.

Revival Dates

Calvary, Batesville: week-end youth 7:30 each evening; regular Sunday schedule; Rev. Buddy Wagner, former resident of Batesville, now enrolled at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., speaker; Mike Lovorn, youth pastor; Reba Flemmon, prayer chairman; Teresa Morrow, pianist; Wanda Crawley, organist; Debbie Ledbetter, Sheila Tucker, Dianne Cohen, Publicity Committee; Danny Perkins, Dale Crowell, Ronald Wallace, Frank Joslin, Ronnie Tucker, Jimmy Shields, ushers; Rev. J. D. Joslin, pastor.

Alcoholics are three times more likely to lose their teeth than non-alcoholics, according to a survey of 341 alcoholics made by the American Dental Association.

Hurricane's Effects Seen In Seminary Enrollment

Classes at New Orleans Seminary have resumed following an extended Christmas vacation and registration for the second semester on January 13. Finishing the first semester before Christmas holidays has been a popular new feature with both students and professors at the Seminary.

"Enrollment figures continue to be encouraging in view of various circumstances beyond our control," said Dr. George C. Herndon, Registrar of the Seminary. "Hurricane Camille wrought devastation on homes and church fields of dozens of students in the late summer of 1969. Many of these are only now beginning to return to the Seminary."

The hurricane was referred to as "an act of God" by some insurance companies. One Seminary official quipped that the hurricane's devastation made it appear that some other force was "acting."

The hurricane was a major factor in the enrollment this year, and it is only now facing from the total picture, according to the Registrar. "People who have not seen it cannot imagine the destruction of the church fields where many student pastors serve," he said.

Dr. Herndon went on to say that a reduction has been made in the number of students enrolled in the Seminary's diploma program at the request of one of the school's accrediting associations. The diploma program is for students who have not graduated from college. One accrediting association limits the number of diploma students that may be enrolled in a graduate school such as New Orleans Seminary to 10% of total enrollment. For several years the Seminary had been enrolling more than the recommended number of these students. This year New Orleans Seminary implemented the association's request.

"Actually, the major portion of those who were not permitted to enroll in the diploma program were students' wives, who would have enrolled only as part-time students for short periods of time in any case," Dr. Herndon said. The actual student load of the faculty is not greatly reduced by the loss of these students.

"We are taking care of these diploma students in other ways this year," Herndon said. "Some are being

encouraged to continue their college education. Others are enrolling in Seminary Extension classes."



New Missionaries Speak At Edwards

Rev. and Mrs. L. Wayne Frederick, newly appointed missionaries to the French West Indies, recently

spoke at Edwards Church.

Edwards is the home church of Mrs. Frederick. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Blush, Sr. are faithful members there.

Born near Shannon, Wayne Frederick at the age of 12 saw his father ordained as a minister. He told the Edwards congregation that a member of his father's congregation, an emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to China, the late Miss Pearl Caldwell, "overwhelmed him with her spiritual sensitivity and dedication."

Mrs. Frederick, born in New Orleans, lived there seven years before her family moved to Edwards. She told the church that her family encouraged her to accept responsibility in the church. Participation in Girls' Auxiliary, she added, influenced her decision to become a foreign missionary.

Rev. and Mrs. Frederick have three daughters, Edie 7, Amy 6, and Iris, 4.

Brotherhood

Man And Boy Rallies

Many Royal Ambassador leaders and counselors will remember, I am sure, Mr. Billy Jack Green, Music Director of Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson: Mr. Green assisted us with the last Man & Boy Rally by having charge of the opening period of the afternoon session and by leading our congregational singing.

We are delighted that Mr. Green has consented to do this same type of thing in each of the sectional rallies this spring.

I talked with Billy Jack recently and he has a real good music program planned, and we of the Brotherhood Department wish to invite all interested men and boys to come and participate in this particular part of the program.

We would like to mention two or three things relative to registration for the rallies:

1. Please make your reservations by contacting the host church.
2. You will need to send \$1.25 per person when you make your reservations.
3. We suggest that you make reservations as early as possible, thereby enabling the church to make adequate plans for the meal.

The rallies' meeting places are:

March 20—First Baptist Church, Wiggins
March 27—First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs
April 3—State Boulevard Baptist Church, Meridian
April 10—East Heights Baptist Church, Tupelo
April 17—Moorehead Baptist Church, Moorehead

Names In The News



DAVID YOUNT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Yount, was recently awarded a ten-year Sunday school perfect attendance pin by Flag Lake Church, Tate County. Pictured, left to right, are Hubert McMaster, assistant superintendent of Sunday school; Thomas Spencer, superintendent; David; and Rev. E. V. Ginn, pastor.

Rev. Billy Renick has assumed duties as associate pastor of Southside Church, Hattiesburg, Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor, has announced. He is a sophomore at William Carey College. His father, Rev. O. B. Renick of Petal, is a retired Baptist minister. Dale Clark, Carey senior, who has been associate pastor of Southside

several years, will leave in March to do practice teaching in Gulfport.

The Village --

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side Zurich. Mantz thus began his fourth and final imprisonment, for this time he was condemned to die. He was accused of wanting to "found a new church," of teaching that a Christian should not carry the sword, and of continuing to baptize in spite of its being forbidden.

It was Mantz' strong stand on the Little Rock school desegregation issue that prompted his defeat for re-election to Congress in 1958 while serving as SBC president. Hays is a long-time advocate of racial integration.

loud voice, "Into Thy hands I commend my spirit." He was pushed off into the water as the first martyr on Protestant ground. The swift, blue waters of the Limmat engulfed him and swept his body downstream. Today, sightseeing boats cruise over the spot where this occurred.

In executing Mantz, Swingli and the Zurich council wanted to make the most frightening example possible so that other "troublemakers" would be silenced for good. Instead, Felix Mantz became an example for other brave Christians who risked and sometimes yielded their lives in the cause of a free church ideal.

The waters of the Limmat, now as part of the famed Rhine River, ultimately flow through Cologne, Germany, on their way to the North Sea.

The question of infant versus believers' baptism rages today along these waters. A group of 350 Lutheran and Reformed churchmen in the Cologne area have petitioned their synod to abandon the requirement for infant baptism. Rather, say these pastors and leaders, let the parents decide concerning the baptism of their children. (EBPS)

In his last moment, Mantz, then only some 25 years old, sang with a



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